

**INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to violations by a health care facility  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Inspections and Appeals Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 56, “Financing and Citations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 10A.104.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2172.

*Purpose and Summary*

The proposed amendments update rules in accordance with changes included in 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2172. The legislation updated citations to administrative rules subject to exception from provisions related to the self-identification and correction of deficiencies by health care facilities.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 14, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

Ashleigh Hackel  
Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Email: [ashleigh.hackel@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:ashleigh.hackel@dia.iowa.gov)

*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend subrule 56.3(4) as follows:

**56.3(4)** *Self-identification and correction of a class II or class III violation prior to the on-site inspection.*

*a. Self-identification and correction.* If a facility self-identifies a deficient practice prior to the on-site visit inspection, there has been no complaint filed with the department related to that specific deficient practice, and the facility corrects such practice prior to an inspection, no citation shall be issued or fine assessed for class II or III violations except for those penalties arising pursuant to paragraphs “a” to “f”: as identified in Iowa Code section 135C.36(5).

*a. Abuse.*

- (1) Rule 481—57.39(135C);
- (2) Rule 481—58.43(135C);
- (3) 481—subrules 62.23(23) to 62.23(25);
- (4) Rule 481—63.37(135C);
- (5) Rule 481—64.33(235B);
- (6) Rule 481—65.15(135C);
- (7) 481—subrules 65.25(3) to 65.25(5); and
- (8) 42 CFR Section 483.420(d).

*b. Personnel histories.*

- (1) Iowa Code section 135C.33;
- (2) 481—subrule 57.12(3);
- (3) 481—subrule 58.11(3);
- (4) 481—subrule 62.9(5);
- (5) 481—subrule 63.11(3);
- (6) Rule 481—64.34(135C); and
- (7) 481—subrule 65.9(5).

*c. Failure to implement physician's orders as required.*

- (1) 481—paragraph 57.12(2) “d”;
- (2) 481—paragraph 58.19(2) “h”;
- (3) 481—paragraph 62.15(1) “a”;
- (4) 481—paragraph 63.11(2) “d”; and
- (5) 42 CFR Section 483.460(e)(4).

*d. Failure to notify the physician of any accident, injury, or adverse change in a resident's condition.*

- (1) 481—subrule 57.15(5);
- (2) 481—subrule 58.14(5); and
- (3) 481—paragraph 62.19(2) “e.”

*e. Failure to administer all medications as ordered by the resident's physician.*

- (1) 481—paragraph 57.12(2) “d”;
- (2) 481—paragraph 58.19(2) “a”;
- (3) 481—paragraph 63.11(2) “d”;
- (4) 481—subrule 64.4(9); and
- (5) 42 CFR Section 483.460(e)(4).

*f. Failure to meet the fire safety rules and regulations promulgated by the state fire marshal.*

- (1) ~~481 paragraph 58.28(1) "a";~~
- (2) ~~481 subrule 62.19(7);~~
- (3) ~~481 paragraph 63.23(1) "a"; and~~
- (4) ~~42 CFR Section 483.470(j).~~

~~g.~~ b. Process for documenting self-identification. If, during the inspection, an area of concern is identified to the facility that was self-identified and corrected by the facility prior to the inspection, no complaint has been filed, and the violation does not fall in the exemptions listed in ~~481 paragraphs 56.3(4) "a" to "f,"~~ Iowa Code section 135C.36(5), the facility shall complete a "Self-Identification and Correction Form" and submit it to the inspector(s) prior to the conclusion of the inspection, or to the department within two working days of the exit interview via ~~E-mail~~ email, facsimile, or overnight courier. The documentation shall include:

- (1) The nature of the problem;
- (2) The date the problem was identified;
- (3) Who identified the problem, i.e., family, resident, staff, physician, pharmacist;
- (4) Action steps taken to correct the problem;
- (5) ~~Date~~ The date the facility determined correction was completed; and
- (6) All documentation that substantiates the above information.